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FOREWORD

One would not imagine the work entailed in the compiling a book of this character, especially for me, as my time is so divided in various lines of business, in order to satisfy my current demands. I have tried to establish a method of a real effective medium of advertisement, and at the same time to collect a Directory of the colored professional, clerical, skilled and business people. I aim to uplift men and to give them credit for what they do. I am certain I have not reached all of them, but owing to the fact that such an undertaking is so broad in its scope, that it would entail a great expense and a number of clerical assistants to make it complete, therefore I ask that the public will be charitable in their criticisms.

I wish to thank my many friends both white and colored for their kind favors in assisting me in the compiling of this book.

Very respectfully,

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N. B.—I kindly solicit your subscription.